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Foreign Funded Projects
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) the number and details of foreign funded projects regarding environmental development which are presently running in urban slums in the country particularly in Rajasthan and since when;

(b) whether these projects have actually been started;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for equal distribution of foreign funds received for this purpose in the entire country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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(a) to (d): As reported by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and State Government of Rajasthan, there is no ongoing externally aided projects to finance environmental development in urban slums of Rajasthan. DEA has, however, reported that following activities are undertaken under World Bank assisted projects:

i. The World Bank is financing a USD 13.7 million sub component for slum upgrading in the city of Berhampur, Odisha under the on-going Orissa Disaster Recovery project to improve infrastructure in 80 slum settlements of the city to improve the living conditions of households in slums. These improvements will include streets, access to improved water and sanitation, drainage, septic management and street lighting. The level of service to be provided will be determined by the available trunk infrastructure, the physical conditions, size of the settlements and the available resources. The work has not started yet and the project will be undertaken in about 80 settlements covering a population of about 30,000.

ii. The World Bank assisted on-going Tamil Nadu Sustainable Development Project (TNSUDP) inter alia envisages benefitting the poor through the improvement of water and sanitation in slums and other vulnerable areas. This project support improvement in a range of urban services, including water, sewerage, municipal solid waste, urban transportation, septage management and storm water drainage. Environmental sustainability will be significantly enhanced with stronger focus on urban environment improvements under the component "Investment in Urban Services Component" (cost US$ 504 M; World Bank Loan: US$ 323 M), with a commitment of at least 40% of the component devoted to sub projects supporting urban environment improvement. Moreover design has incorporated climate change considerations. For example, Chennai storm water drainage sub-project considered extreme flooding levels that take into consideration potential climate change.

iii. The ongoing World Bank assisted Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Municipal Development Project, inter alia, supports sub projects to improve urban infrastructure, including in urban slums, such as city roads, sewerage, water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, energy efficiency etc.

DEA has further reported that the financing from the multilateral agencies, such as World Bank, ADB etc is in the form of loan and is required to be repaid. Therefore, such projects can be taken up in a State only if the State Government concerned evinces interest to take multilateral financing. All proposals from State Governments for assistance from a Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) are routed through the Central line Ministry to ensure their complementarity/convergence, as also alignment of such projects to national priorities. The debt sustainability of the State is also considered. The projects are also considered by the Screening Committee in the DEA. Based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee, the projects are posed to the MDB for financing.

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